MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS, on April 10, 2003 at 8:02 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)

Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)

Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. Joan Andersen (R)

Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)

Rep. Gary Branae (D)

Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)

Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)

Rep. Larry Cyr (D)

Rep. Gary Forrester (D)

Rep. Kim Gillan (D)

Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)

Rep. Bob Lake (R)

Rep. Carol Lambert (R)

Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)

Rep. Jim Peterson (R)

Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)

Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 474, 4/4/2003; SB 475, 4/4/2003;

SB 478, 4/4/2003

Executive Action: SB 267, TABLED

SB 473, BE CONCURRED IN, 11-7 [No standing committee report was filed at the request of **CHAIRMAN**

FUCHS.]

SB 155, BE CONCURRED IN, 10-8

SB 463, TABLED SB 480, TABLED

HEARING ON SB 475

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00 **SEN. ESP, SD 13 -- Short Title:** Realty transfer tax over \$75K on residences and agriculture land -- income tax credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:00 **SEN. STORY, SD 12**

Opponents' Testimony: 11:00 Nancy Schle

11:00	Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation					
12:00	John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association					
15:00	Don Hargrove, Gallatin County					
20:00	Bob Stevens, Montana Graingrowers Association					
22:00	John Semple, Montana Cattlewomen					
22:00	Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce					
24:00	Ellen Engstedt, Montana Wood Products Association					
26:00	Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association					
27:00	Stuart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association					
27:00	Peggy Trenk, Montana Association of Realtors					
EXHIBIT (tah77a01)						
31:00	Byron Roberts, Montana Building Contractors Association					
32:00	Ronda Carpenter, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce,					

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	Montana County Treasurers Association							
36:00	Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association							
36:00	Chris Christiaens, Montana Landlord Association,							
	Montana Farmers Union							

38:00 Corey Swanson, Plum Creek Timber Company

Informational Testimony:

38:00 Delores Cooney, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

39:00

on

Closing by Sponsor:

55:00

HEARING ON SB 474

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

1:08:00 **SEN. THOMAS, SD 31 -- Short Title:** Senior prescription drug coverage.

EXHIBIT (tah77a02)

EXHIBIT (tah77a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

1:25:00 Betty L. Babcock, Former Legislator, C	N-CON De.	Legate
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1:28:00 Tom Figarelli, Forward Montana!

1:30:00 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

1:30:00 Jim Smith, Montana Pharmaceutical Association

EXHIBIT (tah77a04)

1:36:00 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

1:36:00 Dennis Iverson, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Research Association

1:37:00 Keith Colbo, Pfizer Pharmaceutical

Opponents' Testimony:

1:38:00 Mary Williams, Capitol City Task Force for AARP

EXHIBIT (tah77a05)

1:41:00 Vernon Bertelson, Montana Senior Citizens Association

1:45:00 Chris Christiaens, Montana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers

Informational Testimony:

1:47:00 Jeff Buska, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

1:48:00

EXHIBIT (tah77a06)

Closing by Sponsor:

2:33:00

HEARING ON SB 478

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

2:36:00 **SEN. STORY, SD 12 -- Short Title:** Change levy by political subdivisions for premium contributions for group benefits.

EXHIBIT (tah77a07)

EXHIBIT (tah77a08)

Proponents' Testimony:

2:39:00 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

2:42:00 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

2:45:00 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

2:47:00 Mona Jamison, Gallatin County

<u>Informational Testimony</u>:

2:50:00 Lance Melton, Montana School Districts

EXHIBIT (tah77a09)

2:52:00 Dave Puyer, MEA

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

2:54:00

Closing by Sponsor:

3:02:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 267

Motion: REP. LAKE moved that SB 267 BE CONCURRED IN.
EXHIBIT(tah77a10)

<u>Substitute Motion/Vote</u>: REP. ERICKSON made a substitute motion that SB 267 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried 17-1 with REP. FUCHS voting no by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 473

Motion: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 473 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 473 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (tah77a11)

3:11:00 REP. ERICKSON withdrew the motion that SB 473 BE

AMENDED.

Discussion:

3:14:00

<u>Vote</u>: Motion carried 11-7 with REPS. ANDERSEN, BALYEAT, DEVLIN, LAKE, LAMBERT, PETERSON, and ROSS voting no by roll call vote. REP. ROBERTS will carry SB 473.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 155

Motion/Vote: REP. LAKE moved that SB 155 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion
carried 10-8 with REPS. ANDERSEN, BALYEAT, JACKSON, LAKE,

LAMBERT, PETERSON, ROSS, and WAITSCHIES voting no by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 463

Motion: REP. LAKE moved that SB 463 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: REP. LASLOVICH moved that SB 463 BE AMENDED. Motion
carried unanimously 18-1 by voice vote.

<u>Motion/Vote</u>: REP. LAKE moved that SB 463 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 14-4 with REPS. BRANAE, CARNEY, COHENOUR, and ERICKSON voting no by roll call vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. WAITSCHIES moved that SB 463 BE AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. LAKE moved that SB 463 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion failed 8-10 with REPS. ANDERSEN, BALYEAT, FORRESTER, GILLAN, JACKSON, LAKE, PETERSON, and WAITSCHIES voting aye by roll call vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. LASLOVICH moved that SB 463 BE TABLED AND THE
VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 480

Motion: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 480 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: REP. BALYEAT moved that SB 480 BE AMENDED. Motion
carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.
EXHIBIT(tah77a12)

Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 480 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion failed 8-10 with REPS. BRANAE, CARNEY, COHENOUR, ERICKSON, FUCHS, GILLAN, LAMBERT, and LASLOVICH voting aye by roll call vote. CHAIRMAN FUCHS ruled that SB 480 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:	11:59 A.M.					
		-	REP.	DANIEL	FUCHS,	Chairman
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				KATHLEEN	V ELY,	Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah77aad)